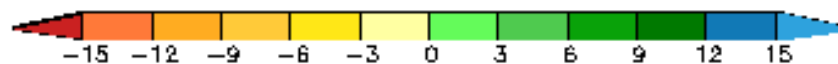
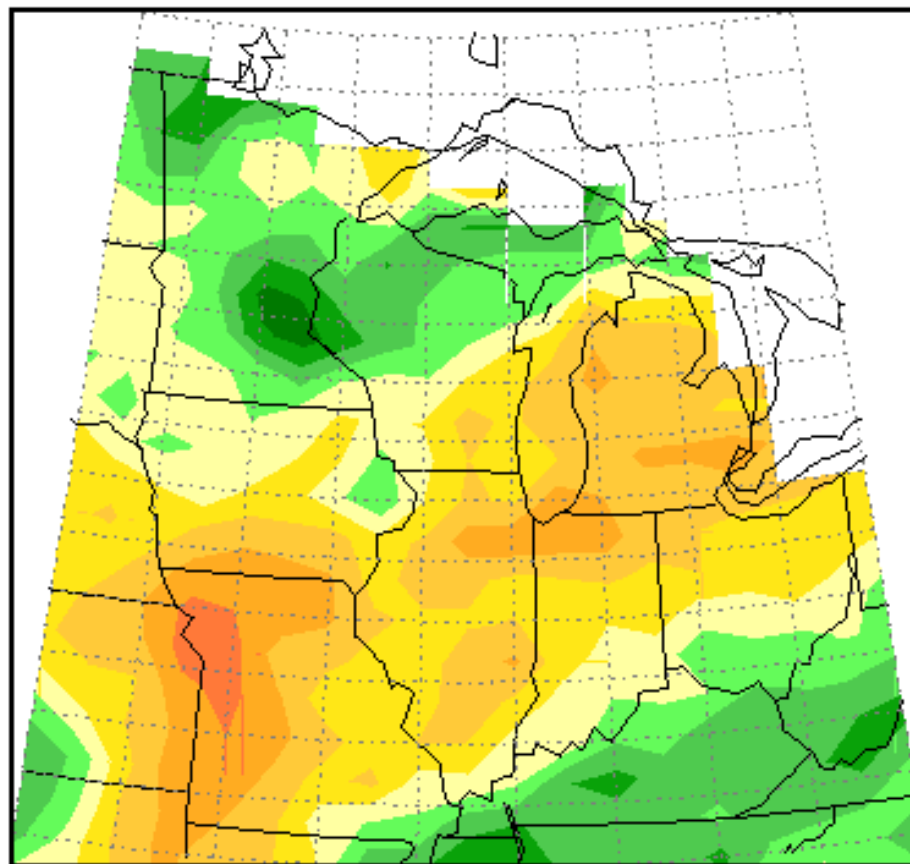


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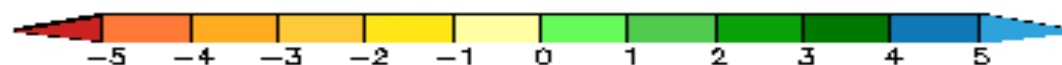
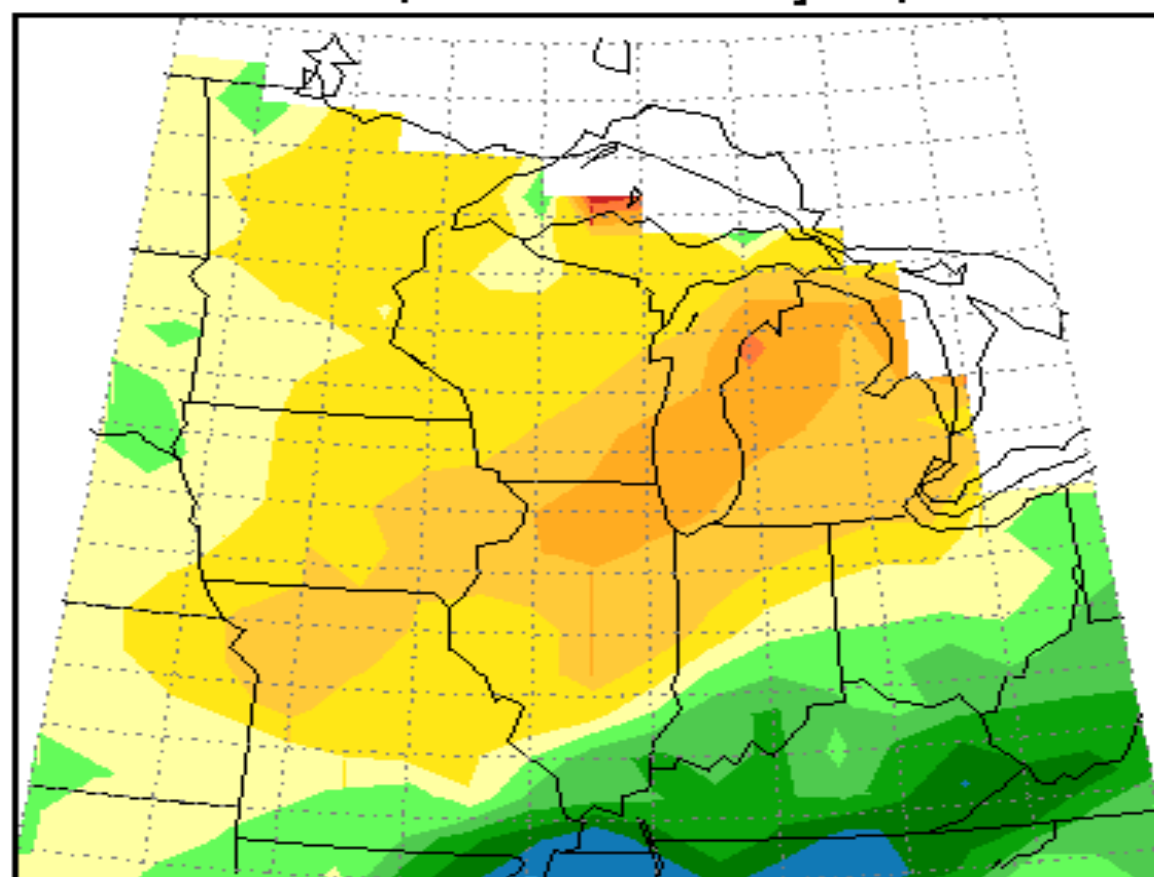
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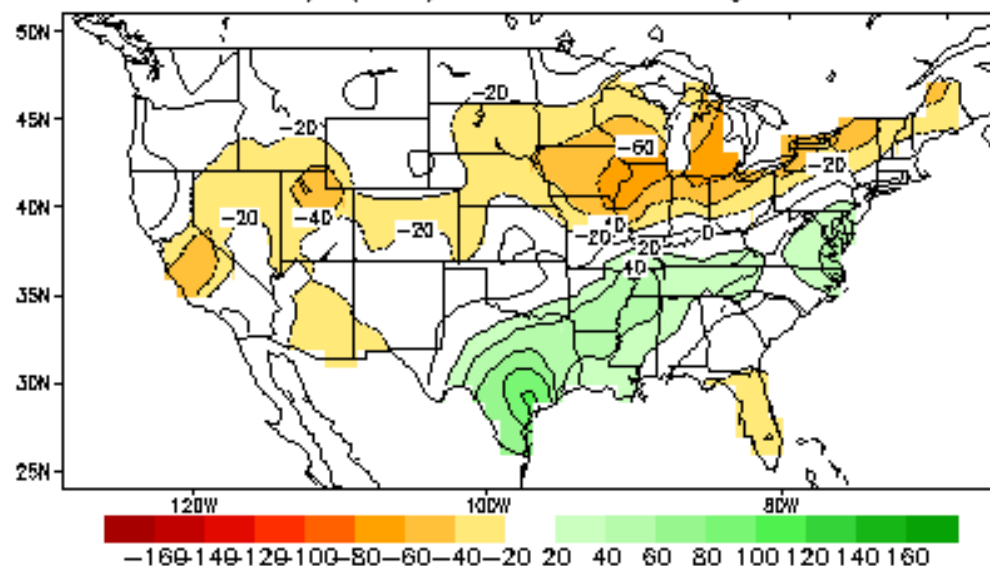
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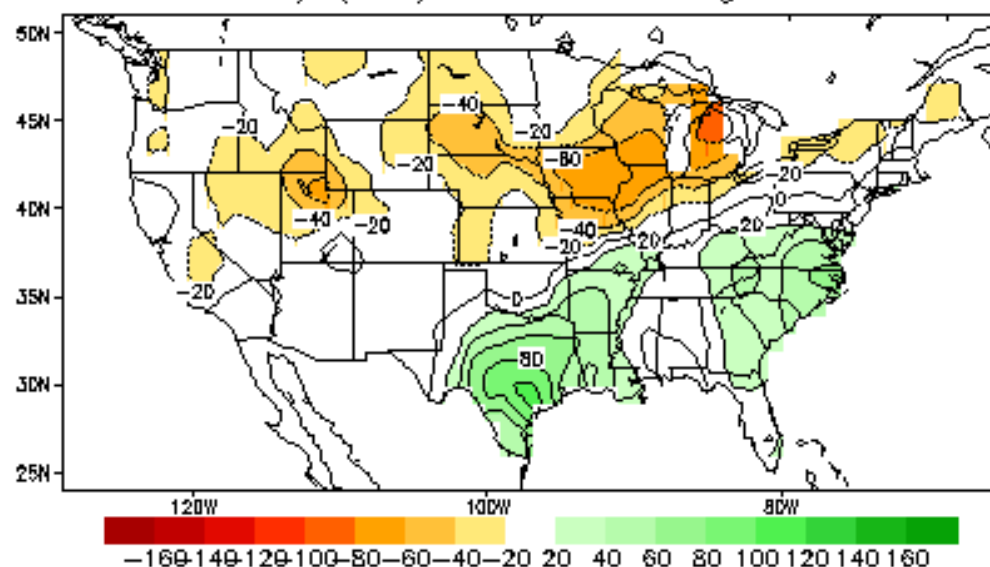


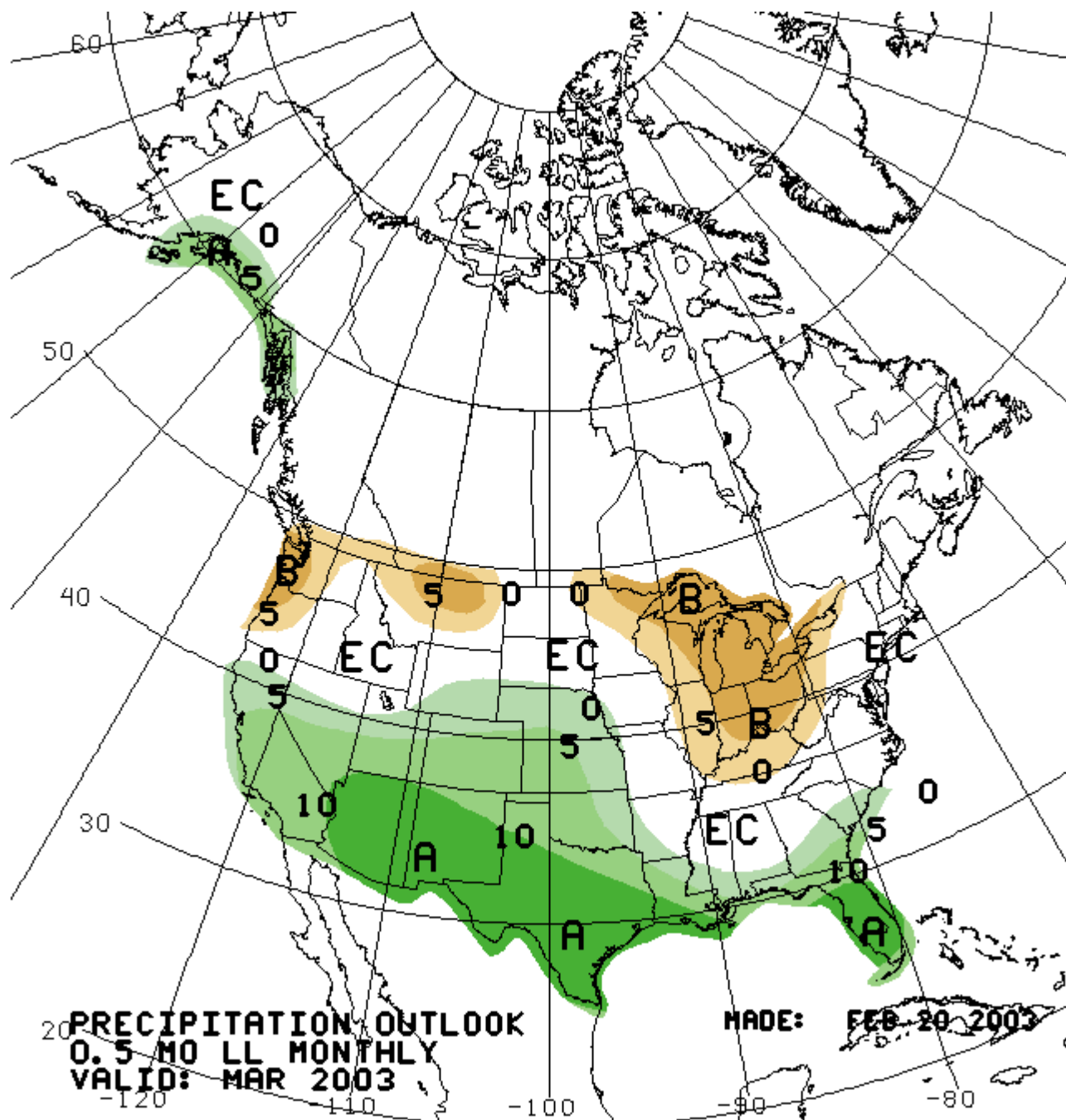
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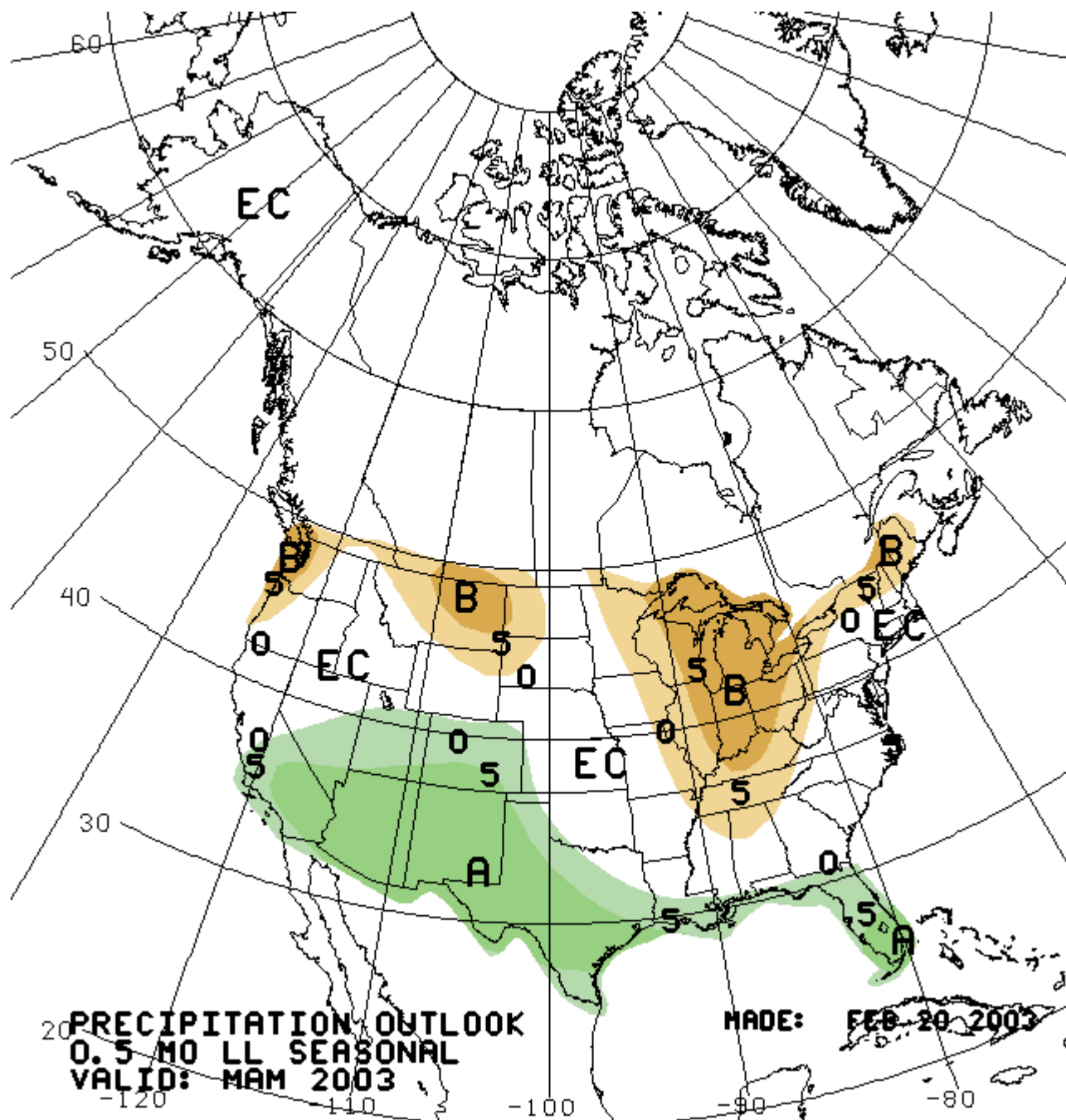
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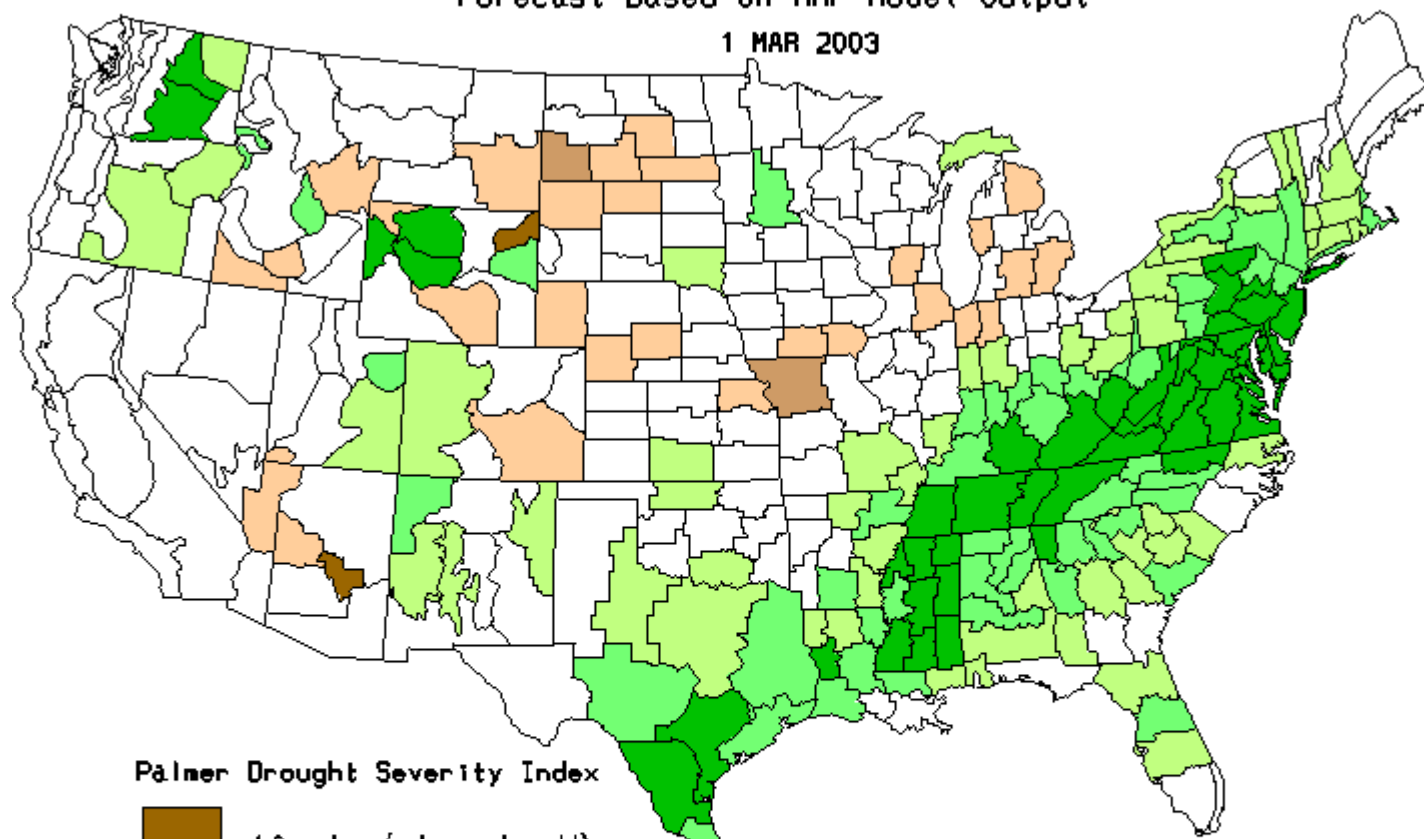
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PALMER DROUGHT INDEX FORECAST BY DIVISION

Forecast Based on MRF Model Output

1 MAR 2003



Palmer Drought Severity Index



-4.0 or less (extreme drought)



-3.0 to -3.9 (severe drought)



-2.0 to -2.9 (moderate drought)



-1.9 to +1.9 (near normal)



+2.0 to +2.9 (unusual moist spell)



+3.0 to +3.9 (very moist spell)

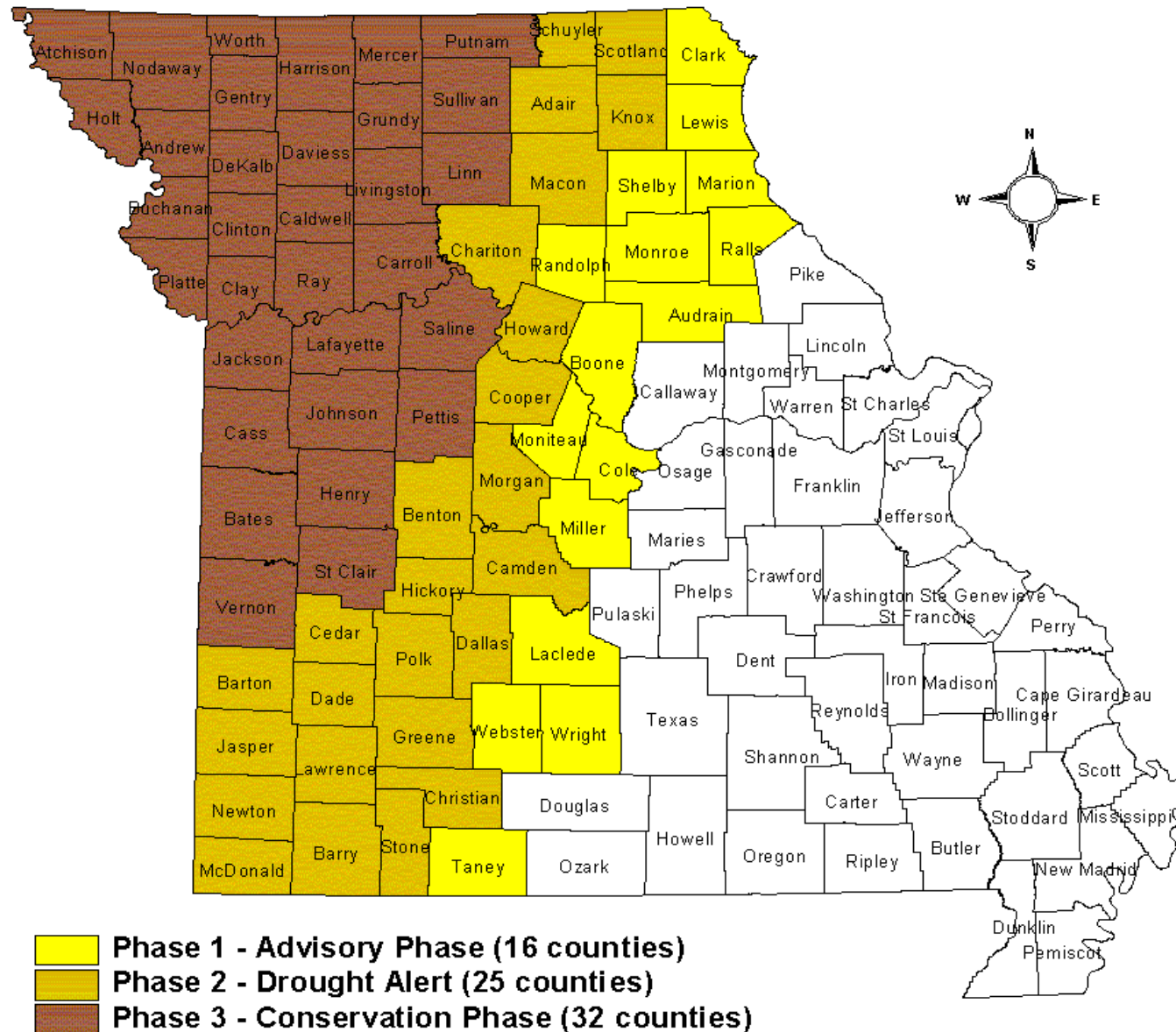


+4.0 and above (extremely moist)



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Drought Condition Status (January 22, 2003)



Drought Condition Status (February 28, 2003)

